(SRI T. CHANNIAH).

All the Excise Shops in Ramanagaram and Channapatna Taluks of Bangalore District were closed in July 1947. From 1st April 1948 a five-mile dry belt was created along the Madras border.

(*b*) Results of Prohibition in the areas in which the Prohibition Act has already been introduced have to be assessed before extending it to the other areas of the State. The financial position of the State at present does not permit any extension of Prohibition.

(*c*) In addition to strict enforcement of the Prohibition Act by the Police, several other propaganda measures are undertaken, such as—

(i) District and Taluk Prohibition Committees are being appointed to enlist the co-operation of the public.

(ii) The educational authorities have been requested to include lessons on the evils of drinking.

(iii) The Temperance and such other associations are making propaganda on the evils of drink.

(iv) The lists of professional distillers and smugglers and other anti-social elements are maintained and their activities are being watched and surprise raids are being conducted.

Working of Prohibition.

Q.—39. **Sri K. LAKKAPPA** (Channarayapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the percentage of persons who have completely given up drinking in the prohibited areas;

(*b*) the number of cases launched for violation of law in this regard since the inception of prohibition (yearwar and districtwar figures may kindly be given);

(*c*) the number of cases launched for illicit distillation since the introduction of prohibition (yearwar and districtwar figures may be furnished);

(*d*) the new measures taken to check illicit distillation?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No survey has been conducted for the purpose.

(*b*)

District	*Year 1948-49*	*Year 1949-50*	*Year 1950-51*	*Year 1951-52*
Kolar ...			1,656	2,033
Kolar Gold Fields ...			1,446	1,898
Tumkur ...	1,668	981	2,164	1,728
Chitaldrug ...			1,190	1,565
Shimoga	...		1,024	1,836
Chikmagalur	...		839	1,429
Hassan (Belur and Saklespur Taluks).	...	...	...	300
Bangalore (Channapatna and Ramanagaram Taluks).	...	...	...	292
Southern Railways	...	...	214	210
Total ...	1,668	981	8,533	11,291

(c)

	Year 1950-51	Year 1951-52
Kolar	188	324
Kolar Gold Fields	222	302
Tumkur	64	146
Chitaldrug	378	379
Shimoga	247	235
Chikmagalur	59	115
Hassan (Belur and Saklespur Taluks)	...	115
Bangalore (Channapatna and Ramanagaram Taluks).	...	10
Southern Railways	Nil	Nil
Total ...	1,158	1,519

(d) It is reported that the lists of professional illicit distillers have been compiled, their movements and activities are being watched and surprise raids are being conducted.

Tapping of Toddy in Prohibited Taluks.

Q.—51. **Sri T. HANUMAIAH** (Hiriyur—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the names of taluks in which Prohibition has been introduced ;

(b) the object with which the same has been introduced ;

(c) the prohibited taluks in which tapping of toddy is allowed to be granted by the Deputy Commissioners ?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) :—

District	*Names of Taluks*
(1) Kolar ...	All taluks
(2) Tumkur ...	Do
(3) Chitaldrug ...	Do
(4) Chikmagalur...	Do
(5) Shimoga ...	Do
(6) Hassan ...	Belur and Saklespur.
(7) Bangalore ...	Ramanagaram and Channapatna.

(b) To implement the declared policy of Government in the matter,

(c) :—

District	*Names of Taluks*
Chikmagalur ...	Kadur
Kolar ...	Goribidnur

On account of insufficiency of tappable trees in the Bangalore District, tapping of toddy in the prohibited taluk of Goribidnur was permitted for the use of the Bangalore District toddy shops during 1951-52. For want of sufficient number of date trees in Hassan and Arsikere Taluks, tapping was permitted in Kadur Taluk for supply of toddy to the shops of Hassan and Arsikere Taluks.

Withdrawal of Prohibition from Kolar Gold Fields area.

Q.—299. **Sri K. S. VASAN** (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they are aware of the growing volume of public opinion in and out of Kolar Gold Fields in favour of withdrawal of the Prohibition from the Kolar Gold Fields area ?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

No.